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Subject(s)

1. FOM 722-03, Placement Selection and Standards.
2. FOM 722-03E, Placement Exception Requests and Approvals.
3. FOM 722-06H, Caseworker Contacts.

**1) FOM 722-03,
Placement
Selection and
Standards**

Parental Home Placements

A parental home includes a child placed with any of the following:

- Custodial parent.
- Non-custodial parent.
- Adoptive parents, after adoption is finalized.
- Legal parents.
- Biological parents whose parental rights were terminated.
- Out-of-state parental home.

If a child is placed with relative caregivers and the child's parents live in the home, this is **not** a parental home placement unless the court orders the child reunified with the parents.

Reason: Children's Services Agency (CSA) clarification.

Parental Home Placement on the 18th Birthday

Youth in foster care who are placed with a parent on or before their 18th birthday may still be eligible for Young Adult Voluntary Foster Care (YAVFC) if they meet the other YAVFC eligibility criteria.

Reason: CSA recommendation.

Court-Ordered Placement with Unrelated Caregivers

The process for assessment of court-ordered unrelated caregivers was updated to replace use of the obsolete DHS-588, Initial Relative Safety Screen, with the MDHHS-5770, Relative Placement Safety Screen.

Reason: Revision of assessment tools and alignment with FOM 722-03B, Relative Engagement and Placement.

DHS-972, Foster Home Licensing Requirements for Relative Caregivers

The DHS-972 is obsolete and not required to be provided to relative caregivers. Reference to the DHS-972 was removed from policy.

Reason: CSA clarification.

Minor Corrections

Hyperlinks were updated.

Reason: Reorganization of policy manuals.

**2) FOM 722-03E,
Placement
Exception
Requests and
Approvals**

Placement Over 75 Miles from the Removal Address

The supervisor must approve placement of a child more than 75 miles from the removal address. The caseworker must document the supervisor's approval in MiSACWIS. A 75-mile PER is not needed.

Reason: CSA recommendation.

Pre-Ten Placement Exception Request

The Children's Services Agency (CSA) executive director must approve initial placement of a child under the age of 10 into a residential care program or emergency shelter care program. The CSA executive director must approve every other PER for continued placement of a child under the age of ten in a residential care program.

The approval paths for the pre-ten PER for residential care programs and the placement approval process for emergency shelter care program placement of children under age 10 have been updated.

Reason: CSA recommendation.

Pre-Thirteen Placement Exception Request

The BSC director must approve placement of children who are at least ten years of age but under the age of 13 (pre-thirteen) in a residential care program or emergency shelter care program.

Approval paths for pre-thirteen PERs have been added to policy.

Reason: CSA recommendation.

3) FOM 722-06H, Caseworker Contacts

Contact Standards for Children in Parental Home Placements

Contact standards for children in parental home placements must be followed whenever a child is placed with a parent.

When a child is living in an out-of-home placement and their parents also live in the home, but do **not** have placement of the child, out-of-home contact standards must be followed.

Reason: Alignment with change in definition of parental home placement.

**MANUAL
MAINTENANCE
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Changed Items ...

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